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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BILLINGS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAREN MICHAEL STENNERSON,

Defendant.

**Case No. CR-22-139-BLG-SPW**

**SENTENCING MEMORANDUM**

COMES NOW Defendant JAREN MICHAEL STENNERSON, by and through Defendant's counsel of record, the FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF MONTANA and GILLIAN E. GOSCH, Assistant Federal Defender, and offers this Sentencing Memorandum to this Honorable Court for Stenner's sentencing hearing scheduled for July 12, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

## **INTRODUCTION**

On November 18, 2022, Stennerson was indicted on two counts of Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. 922 (g)(3) and (g)(n). Stennerson made his initial appearance on November 29, 2022 and had a detention hearing on December 6, 2022. Stennerson was ordered detained and he changed his plea on March 10, 2023.

## **ADVISORY GUIDELINE RANGE**

Stennerson's total offense level is 13 and his criminal history category is III. Therefore, his guideline range is 18-24 months. There is a plea agreement in this case which allows Stennerson to maintain his right to appeal the denial of his Motion to Suppress. At the time of sentencing Stennerson will have 227 days in custody.

## **DISCUSSION-3553**

### **A. The Offense**

The offense conduct is set forth adequately in paragraphs 7-11 of the pre-sentence report.

### **B. History and Characteristics of Jaren Michael Stennerson**

Jaren is currently 38 years of age and would greatly benefit from substance abuse treatment and vocational training. He has not had any verifiable employment in his adult life. Learning a trade would hopefully give him a level of confidence and pride and also help him pay his outstanding debts. In addition, Jaren has never

participated in substance abuse treatment but is open to attending and learning tools to remain sober once he is released from custody. Although he no longer has parental rights to his children, they are placed with his mom and brother, it is his desire to reestablish relationships with them as he moves forward in life. Additionally, as he noted in his presentence interview, he is learning more about his Native American roots which is having a positive impact on him. Jaren is requesting the court sentence him to a low-end sentence to run concurrent with his pending state matters. A sentence at the low end of the guidelines is sufficient but not greater than necessary to satisfy the 3553A factors.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

/s/ Gillian E. Gosch

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